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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 127th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i>	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1103 **Resolve, To Study Understaffing in State Agencies**

**Died Between
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to collect and compile information concerning staffing of all the departments of the State and review any available studies comparing private sector positions and pay with comparable state positions and pay for comparable work and to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-380)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It allows the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out a bill related to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services report in the resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

LD 1161 **Resolve, To Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of Carrabassett Valley**

**RESOLVE 17
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO BUCKLAND	OTP	

This resolve amends Resolve 1999, chapter 41, which authorized the conveyance of 1,203 acres from the State to the Town of Carrabassett Valley. The conveyance is subject to use restrictions, such as a requirement that the land be used for public outdoor recreation and that development for overnight accommodations, except camping, and commercial uses is expressly prohibited.

This resolve allows the town to lease no more than two acres of the conveyed parcel to a nonprofit corporation for the development of an outdoor recreational and educational center for use by persons with developmental and physical disabilities. The development may include residential and overnight accommodations and dining facilities for the use of staff and guests at the center, and the nonprofit corporation may charge a fee for the use of the accommodations. The Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is directed to change the deed in accord with the changes made by this resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

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